AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. & 2. (cancelled).

3. (previously presented) A protective coat-forming coating composition primarily comprising:

100 parts by weight of a co-hydrolyzate of a mixture of

(i) a disilane compound having the formula (A):

$$X_mR^1_{3-m}Si\text{-}Y\text{-}SiR^1_{3-m}X_m \qquad (A)$$

wherein R^1 is a monovalent hydrocarbon group of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, Y is a divalent organo group containing at least one fluorine atom, X is a hydrolyzable group, and m is 1, 2 or 3, or a (partial) hydrolyzate thereof, and

(ii) a fluorinated organo group-containing organosilicon compound having the formula (B):

$$Rf\text{-}SiX_3 \qquad (B)$$

wherein Rf is a monovalent organo group containing at least one fluorine atom and X is a hydrolyzable group or a (partial) hydrolyzate thereof,

wherein the content of component (i) is 95% by weight to 99.5% by weight of the mixture;

0.1 to 30 parts by weight of fine particles of silica in the form of a colloidal silica and/or a hollow silica sol, a dispersing water of which is set within a pH range of 2 to 7, and

a solvent in such an amount that the content of the solvent is 50 to 99% by weight based on the coating composition.

4. (previously presented) The coating composition of claim 3, wherein Y in formula (A) is

$$-CH_2CH_2(CF_2)_nCH_2CH_2-$$

wherein n is 2 to 20.

5. (cancelled).

6. (previously presented) The coating composition of claim 3, wherein the disilane compound of formula (A) is

$(R^2O)_3Si-CH_2CH_2(CF_2)_4CH_2CH_2-Si(OR^2)_3$ or
$(R^2O)_3Si-CH_2CH_2(CF_2)_6CH_2CH_2-Si(OR^2)_3$

wherein R^2 is a monovalent hydrocarbon group of 1 to 6 carbon atoms.

7. (previously presented) The coating composition of claim 3, which cures into a coat having a refractive index of up to 1.410.

8. (currently amended) A coated article comprising a transparent substrate and a cured coat formed thereon from [[the]] a protective coat-forming coating composition primarily comprising:

100 parts by weight of a co-hydrolyzate of a mixture of

(i) a disilane compound having the formula (A):

$$X_mR^1_{3-m}Si-Y-SiR^1_{3-m}X_m \qquad (A)$$

wherein R^1 is a monovalent hydrocarbon group of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, Y is a divalent organo group containing at least one fluorine atom, X is a hydrolyzable group, and m is 1, 2 or 3, or a (partial) hydrolyzate thereof, and

(ii) a fluorinated organo group-containing organosilicon compound having the formula (B):

$$Rf\text{-}SiX_3 \qquad (B)$$

wherein Rf is a monovalent organo group containing at least one fluorine atom and X is a hydrolyzable group or a (partial) hydrolyzate thereof,

wherein the content of component (i) is 95% by weight to 99.5% by weight of the mixture;

0.1 to 30 parts by weight of fine particles of silica in the form of a colloidal silica and/or a hollow silica sol, a dispersing water of which is set within a pH range of 2 to 7, and

a solvent in such an amount that the content of the solvent is 50 to 99% by weight based on the coating composition ~~of claim 3~~, serving as a chemical resistant film.

9. (currently amended) A coated article comprising a transparent substrate and a cured coat formed thereon from [[the]] a protective coat-forming coating composition primarily comprising:

100 parts by weight of a co-hydrolyzate of a mixture of

(i) a disilane compound having the formula (A):

$$X_mR^1_{3-m}Si\text{-}Y\text{-}SiR^1_{3-m}X_m \qquad (A)$$

wherein R^1 is a monovalent hydrocarbon group of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, Y is a divalent organo group containing at least one fluorine atom, X is a hydrolyzable group, and m is 1, 2 or 3, or a (partial) hydrolyzate thereof, and

(ii) a fluorinated organo group-containing organosilicon compound having the formula (B):

$$Rf\text{-}SiX_3 \qquad (B)$$

wherein Rf is a monovalent organo group containing at least one fluorine atom and X is a hydrolyzable group or a (partial) hydrolyzate thereof,

wherein the content of component (i) is 95% by weight to 99.5% by weight of the mixture;

0.1 to 30 parts by weight of fine particles of silica in the form of a colloidal silica and/or a hollow silica sol, a dispersing water of which is set within a pH range of 2 to 7, and

a solvent in such an amount that the content of the solvent is 50 to 99% by weight based on the coating composition ~~of claim 3~~, serving as an antireflection film.

10. – 15. (cancelled).

16. (original) The coated article of claim 8 wherein said transparent substrate comprises an organic resin and/or an inorganic material such as glass or ceramics.

17. (original) The coated article of claim 8 wherein said transparent substrate comprises a polycarbonate resin, polyalkylene terephthalate resin, cellulose triacetate resin, polystyrene resin or polyolefin resin.

18. & 19. (cancelled).